

State of Louisiana



Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

Proclamation


- WHEREAS,** The use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol and nicotine constitute the greatest threats to the well-being of America's children; and
- WHEREAS,** surveys conducted by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University have consistently found that more often children and teenagers who eat dinner with their families are less likely to smoke, drink and use illegal drugs; and
- WHEREAS,** teenagers who virtually never eat dinner with their families are 72 percent more likely than the average teen to use illegal drugs, alcohol and cigarettes; and
- WHEREAS,** teenagers who almost always eat dinner with their families are 31 percent less likely than the average teenager to use illegal drugs, alcohol and cigarettes; and
- WHEREAS,** the correlation between family dinners and reduced risk for teen substance abuse are well documented; and
- WHEREAS,** parental influence is known to be one of the most crucial factors in determining the likelihood of substance abuse by teenagers; and
- WHEREAS,** family dinners have long constituted a substantial pillar of family life in America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2004, as

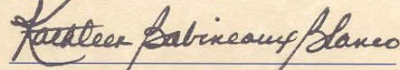
FAMILY DAY A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN

in the state of Louisiana, and urge all citizens to recognize and participate in the observance.



The Governor

Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 27th day of May
A.D., 2004*


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